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Title: Adaptive Antenna Array Methods and Apparatus for Use in a Multi-Access Wireless Communication System

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated January 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in the manner indicated below.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 3, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 15-20 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over an article by K. Bakhru et al. entitled "Spatial Acquisition of Wideband Frequency-Hopping Signals Using Adaptive Array Processing" (hereinafter "Bakhru"), and indicated that claims 6-14 contain allowable subject matter.

In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the §103(a) rejection. Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.